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As you have requested me to express to you my opinion of Dr. Cowles, as Editor of a new religious paper proposed to be published at Boston, I the more readily comply with your request, on account of the opportunities I have had to become acquainted with him. I have known him as a member of the Worcester Central Association, and have been intimate with him in private life. In our Association he was esteemed as a most worthy Brother — conscientious, straightforward, exhibiting modesty, ingenuousness, and without fear, his opinions on all subjects on which he had occasion, as a member, to express them. No one in the Association was listened to with more attention, and I think I may safely say that no one was looked upon as having a mind so well stored with various and accurate knowledge, or as being able to present his statements and reasons with greater clearness and conciseness. He is a man of ripe and rare scholarship, and one who has skill in applying his large knowledge to practical purposes. It gives me much pleasure to know that there is a prospect of his filling an editorial chair in the metropolis of New-England. I think he would occupy the seat with a good spirit — with conscientious candor, discretion and firmness — without rashness and without timidity — with credit to himself, and usefulness to the Christian community and the public generally.

Affectionately, Geo. Allen.

Shrewsbury, Ap. 6. 1848.